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MEMORANDUM TO DEPUTY MINISTER

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CANADA
ASBESTOS BUILDING INVENTORY

(For Decision and Signature)

TIMELINE

Your decision is requested by **September 1st** in order to provide an email response to Catrina Tapley, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Operations, regarding ECCC's intent to publish the department's asbestos building inventory between September 27 and 29, 2017.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek your decision and signature to provide an email response to Catrina Tapley, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Operations.

SUMMARY

- The Privy Council Office (PCO) requested that all federal departments that own or lease buildings, including ECCC, publish an ABI by September 29, 2017.
- ECCC is proceeding with the survey of its 387 buildings by prioritizing occupied ones. By the time ECCC publishes its Asbestos Building Inventory (ABI), it is expected that 99% of people working for ECCC will be occupying surveyed buildings and that an Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) will be in place for 100% of the buildings where asbestos has been identified.
- Given the available budget and capacity of Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) and industry to conduct surveys and prepare AMPs, ECCC will complete the surveys over two fiscal years by prioritizing occupied buildings.
- When PSPC released its ABI in September 2016, ECCC communicated to staff about the known presence of asbestos (see attached News@ECCC message). A follow-up message will be prepared to inform employees of the new ABI. ECCC will also use the Media Lines and Qs&As prepared by PSPC and prepare a QP Card.
- ECCC will publish its ABI between September 27 and 29, 2017. After the initial publication, the ABI will be updated regularly as additional buildings are surveyed and information becomes available.
- An email response (Attachment 1) addressed to Catrina Tapley, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Operations is attached confirming ECCC's commitment to publish an ABI and to continue surveying all ECCC's properties.

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CONTEXT AND CURRENT STATUS

On September 23, 2016, PSPC published a National Asbestos Inventory that lists buildings it owns and leases, and identifies those that contain asbestos.

Further to the PSPC inventory release, PCO requested that other departments that own or lease buildings, publish their own inventories by September 30, 2017. In addition to identifying whether or not a building contains Asbestos or are being surveyed, departments have to indicate if an AMP is in place where Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) has been identified. As of June 30, 2017, the presence of asbestos was unknown for 69% of federal buildings and 9 of the 25 custodial departments had undertaken steps to have PSPC survey their buildings. This includes ECCC. See the July 2017 Progress Report (Attachment 2) presented by PSPC to PCO.

Due to a typographical error, the July 2017 Progress Report failed to identify that 334 buildings, for which ECCC was the custodian, had an unknown status. The total building count, the number of buildings containing asbestos and the number of buildings without asbestos are included in the summary table, but the cell identifying the number of "Buildings with status unknown" was accidentally left blank. PSPC has confirmed that the report was provided to PCO and is for internal use only (i.e. will not be made public). PSPC is unable to correct the July 2017 report and, as such, when ECCC provides their updated information for the August 2017 report (due August 31, 2017), PSPC will notify PCO of the typographical error.

People working for ECCC are accommodated in numerous buildings across Canada and under the control of different organizations. In addition, most buildings under the custody of ECCC are not occupied (216 out of 387 buildings). The ECCC occupancy of buildings is as follow:

- 74% of people working for ECCC are located in space under the custody of PSPC and covered by the ABI published in 2016;
- 25% of the people working for ECCC are located at 14 custodial sites managed by Corporate Services and Finance Branch (CSFB) encompassing 81 buildings; and
- 1% of people working for ECCC are located at 23 custodial sites managed by Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC), Canadian Wildlife Service, and Science and Technology Branch (STB) encompassing 90 buildings.

At ECCC, work has been undertaken to have surveys or supplemental surveys completed at all CSFB managed buildings and have AMPs drafted where ACM was identified. This will allow ECCC to report that space occupied by 99% of ECCC employees, contractors, and students has been surveyed for asbestos. However, this represents only 29% of the buildings under the custody of ECCC. Additional information about space occupied by ECCC (custodial, PSPC, and leased space) and space where ACM has been identified is provided in the Annex (Attachment 3).

On July 26, 2017, PSPC provided a cost estimate for surveying the remaining buildings which represent 71% of the ECCC Real Property portfolio and 1% of the occupants. The estimate also includes the cost of preparing AMPs where required. The cost is estimated at \$1.4M.

CSFB is coordinating efforts to have PSPC complete surveys at these buildings. Surveys of building and the development of AMP, where required, will be prioritized by the number of occupants in each building and will be completed by March 31, 2019.

CONSIDERATIONS

The initial inventory that ECCC will publish in late-September will report information on CSFB managed buildings and indicate that other buildings are under review. The goal is to have completed surveys for all ECCC buildings, and AMPs in place where ACM has been identified.

In 1998, MSC conducted surveys of some buildings in the western region. AMPs are in place for the buildings where ACMs were identified. These buildings will not have to be surveyed again and will be disclosed in the inventory to be published in late-September.

Based on expert advice, the presence of asbestos in buildings is generally not a concern unless ACMs are disturbed, or subject to elements that may cause deterioration (e.g. winds, steam, vibration, continued wear, etc.). Abatement (removal) work is completed when construction projects are undertaken in ECCC custodial buildings containing material with or suspected to contain asbestos. AMPs will be put in place for ongoing management of ACMs, and updated on a regular basis.

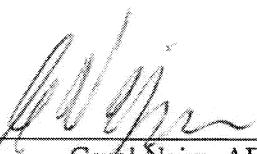
Provincial regulations require that AMPs be created for buildings where the presence of asbestos has been confirmed. Likewise, general provisions within the Canada Labour Code, Part II require employers to ensure safe working conditions for their employees. ECCC will therefore ensure that all buildings where the presence of asbestos has been confirmed have an AMP in place.

PCO requested that custodial departments publish their ABI between September 27 and September 29, 2017. Despite the ongoing migration of the department's web content to Canada.ca, Communications Directorate has found a solution that will enable the department to publish its inventory in an accessible format by the deadline.

PSPC prepared media lines (Attachment 5) and Qs&As (Attachment 6) that can be tailored and used by custodial departments when they publish their ABI. ECCC will also prepare a QP Card and a follow-up message on News@ECCC informing employees that an ABI is now available for ECCC custodial buildings (Attachment 4).

NEXT STEPS

- CSFB will complete the surveys or supplemental surveys of the buildings under its management and develop AMPs where applicable by mid-September.
- CSFB will work with Communications to publish the ABI on ECCC's website and develop Communication products addressing questions arising from the release of the ABI, including a follow-up message to employees.
- CSFB will continue coordinating survey work for buildings under the management of MSC, CWS, and STB and update the ABI as information becomes available.

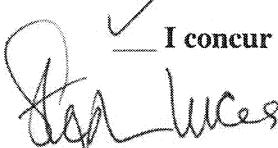


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I concur

I do not concur


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Deputy Minister
c.c. Martine Dubuc

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Martine Dubuc
Associate Deputy Minister
cc. Stephen Lucas

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Attachments (6):

- (1) *Email Reply.docx*
- (2) *Asbestos - Custodian Inventory Progress Update - July 2017.pdf*
- (3) *List of Custodial Buildings and Status.pdf*
- (4) *News@ECCC Message - UPDATE: Asbestos in federal buildings.pdf*
- (5) *ML - National Asbestos Inventory - PCO FINAL - V2 - EN - clean.pdf*
- (6) *QAs - National Asbestos Inventory - OGD - PCO FINAL - V2 - EN - clean.pdf*

ANNEX - STATUS OF ASBESTOS IN ECCC OCCUPIED BUILDINGS

A. Status of Asbestos in ECCC Custodial Buildings

1. Buildings under the direct management of CSFB

Asbestos was identified at 8 sites under the direct management of CSFB:

- National Hydrology Research Centre (Saskatoon, SK)
- Prairie and Northern Wildlife Research Centre (Saskatoon, SK)
- Canada Centre for Inland Waters (Burlington, ON)
- 335 River Road Complex (Ottawa, ON)
- Pacific Wildlife Research Centre (Delta, BC)
- Pacific Environmental Science Center (North Vancouver, BC)
- Whitehorse Complex (Whitehorse, YK)
- Qualicum National Wildlife (Qualicum, BC)

At these sites, asbestos was reported or suspected in equipment designed to protect employees from fumes and particles, such as the interior walls of older fume hoods. It is also found in restricted areas, such as: mechanical rooms, duct joint compound, exterior window putty, exterior roofing systems, and subfloor tiles.

All 14 custodial sites under the management of CSFB are being surveyed or resurveyed to ensure a thorough assessment of each site. They include a total number of 81 buildings.

Abatement Work

On October 20, 2016, a CSFB certified official conducted asbestos abatement work and certified that the Whitehorse Complex was now asbestos-free. On March 10, 2017, a CSFB certified official conducted asbestos abatement work and certified that the Qualicum National Wildlife is now asbestos-free.

Asbestos Management Plans

Currently, four of the six buildings known to contain asbestos have an Asbestos Management Plan in place.

2. Buildings under the direct management of MSC, CWS, and STB

CSFB is coordinating the inspection by PSPC of the buildings under the direct management of other branches to ensure that an inventory can be prepared as soon as possible. Where required, CSFB will mandate PSPC to develop Asbestos Management Plans for those buildings. These represent 260 sites with one or more buildings, for a total number of 306 buildings.

In 1998, MSC conducted surveys of some buildings in the western region. They identified six buildings with ACM. Currently, the six facilities known to contain asbestos have Asbestos Management Plans in place.

B. Status of Asbestos in non-ECCC Custodial Spaces

The following PSPC owned or leased buildings, which ECCC occupies, have been identified as containing asbestos:

| Facility | City | Prov | Address |
|------------------------------|------------------|------|----------------------------|
| Northern Forestry Centre | Edmonton | AB | 5320 122 St NW |
| Harry Hays Building | Calgary | AB | 220 4 Ave SE |
| GC Building | Prince George | BC | 3690 Massey Dr |
| Via Rail Station | Winnipeg | MB | 123 Main St |
| Airport Place | Winnipeg | MB | 1821 Wellington Ave |
| Gander International Airport | Gander | NL | 320 Elizabeth Dr |
| GC Building | Burgeo | NL | 1 Main Rd |
| GC Building | Mount Pearl | NL | 6 Bruce St |
| Fortis Towers | Corner Brook | NL | 4 Herald Ave |
| GC Building - Warehouse 4 | Inuvik | NT | 72B Franklin Rd |
| Queen Street Building | Sault Ste. Marie | ON | 1219 Queen St. |
| GC Building | Windsor | ON | 441 University Ave |
| La Salle Academy | Ottawa | ON | 373 Sussex Dr |
| Downsview | Toronto | ON | 4905 Dufferin St |
| Dominique Ducharme Building | Montréal | QC | 105 McGill St |
| Place Bonaventure | Montréal | QC | 800 De la Gauchetière St W |

This list might not be complete as Landlords are not required to disclose this information to PSPC.

For space leased directly by ECCC from third parties, CSFB will contact them and ask them to identify if asbestos is present and if Asbestos Management Plans are in place. As for PSPC, landlords are not required to disclose this information to ECCC.

C. Current Status

Overall, the status as of August 9, 2017 can be summarized as follow:

| | Total Building Count | Building with Status Unknown | Building Surveyed and Under Review | Building Without Asbestos | Building with Asbestos | Building with Asbestos that have an Asbestos Management Plan |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Custodial | Number of Buildings | 387 | 275 | 112 | 42 | 12 |
| | <i>% of Buildings</i> | <i>100%</i> | <i>71%</i> | <i>29%</i> | <i>11%</i> | <i>3%</i> |
| | Number of occupants | 1908 | 47 | 1861 | 39 | 1267 |
| | <i>% of occupants</i> | <i>100%</i> | <i>2%</i> | <i>98%</i> | <i>2%</i> | <i>66%</i> |
| Non-Custodial | Number of Buildings | 74 | 0 | 74 | 59 | 15 |
| | <i>% of Buildings</i> | <i>100%</i> | <i>0%</i> | <i>100%</i> | <i>80%</i> | <i>20%</i> |
| | Number of occupants | 5563 | 0 | 5563 | 3944 | 1619 |
| | <i>% of occupants</i> | <i>100%</i> | <i>0%</i> | <i>100%</i> | <i>71%</i> | <i>29%</i> |
| Custodial and non-custodial | Number of Buildings | 461 | 275 | 186 | 100 | 27 |
| | <i>% of Buildings</i> | <i>100%</i> | <i>60%</i> | <i>40%</i> | <i>22%</i> | <i>6%</i> |
| | Number of occupants | 7471 | 47 | 7424 | 3983 | 2886 |
| | <i>% of occupants</i> | <i>100%</i> | <i>1%</i> | <i>99%</i> | <i>53%</i> | <i>39%</i> |

The complete list of custodial buildings with the status can be found in Attachment 3.

Annex 2

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National Federal Custodian Asbestos Inventories

Progress Update

July 2017

Background

On April 19, 2017, Public Services and Procurement Canada sent the ***Custodian Asbestos Inventories Progress Report, April 2017*** jointly to the Privy Council Office and the Treasury Board Secretariat. That report provided a comprehensive overview of the work that PSPC has undertaken to support the initiative to have 26 federal custodian departments publish their respective asbestos-related building inventories, as directed by the Clerk of the Privy Council.

This update provides information on progress since April 2017.

Data Received to June 2017

Overview: Metrics of National Federal Custodian Asbestos Program, June 2017

| Number of custodians | Count March 2017 | Count June 2017 | Count Change Between March and June 2017 | % March 2017 | % June 2017 | % Change Between March and June 2017 | Comments |
|---|------------------|-----------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| Total Number of Departments/Agencies (inc. PSPC) | 25 | 25 | Not applicable | 100 | 100 | Not applicable | |
| Department/Agencies who have responded | 25 | 25 | Not applicable | 100 | 100 | Not applicable | 100% reported |
| Total building count | Count | Count | | | | | |
| Number of Buildings Reported (Excluding Residences) | 25,560 | 24,824 | -736 | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable | Residences removed The Asbestos Inventory is 2.5% bigger than the TBS Directory |
| Number of Buildings in DFRP (Excluding Residences) | 24,523 | 24,523 | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable | (DFRP) |
| Number of buildings with asbestos (excluding residences) | | | | Of March total of 25,560 | Of June total of 24,824 | % Change Between March and June 2017 | |
| Buildings with known presence of asbestos | 1,018 | 2,502 | 1,484 | 4% | 10% | 6% | Reported to date |
| Buildings without asbestos | 1,452 | 5,186 | 3,734 | 6% | 21% | 15% | Reported to date |
| UNKNOWN status of building for presence of asbestos | 23,090 | 17,131 | -5,959 | 90% | 69% | -21% | Reported to date |
| Number of buildings with an Asbestos Managements Plan (AMP) for buildings with known presence of asbestos (excluding residences) | | | | Of March buildings with known asbestos of 1,018 | Of June buildings with known asbestos of 2,502 | % Change Between March and June 2017 | |
| Buildings with known asbestos WITH an AMP | 787 | 1,493 | 706 | 77% | 60% | -17% | Reported to date |
| Buildings with known asbestos WITHOUT an AMP | 231 | 1,009 | 778 | 23% | 40% | 18% | HIGH PRIORITY |

Notes:

- Since April 2017, the total number of buildings reported by custodians has decreased overall from 25,560 to 24,824. This is because additional analysis has led to custodians adding or removing buildings to arrive at an increasingly accurate picture of their respective portfolios.
- Overall understanding of the state of asbestos in the federal portfolio has improved since March 2017. The number of buildings for which it is unknown whether there is asbestos in the building or not has dropped by 21%, with a corresponding rise in the number of buildings known to be with or without asbestos.
- The unknown status for presence of asbestos in buildings is currently at 69%
- At the current rate of data being provided by the federal custodian departments, *when the inventories are posted in September 2017, it is projected that the federal government might still be unable to report on 50% of the federal portfolio as it relates to status of asbestos.*
- We currently know that 2,502 buildings in the federal portfolio contain asbestos, but only 60% of these have an asbestos management plan (AMP) in place.
- Since the greatest increase between March and June 2017 was in the number of buildings without an AMP, much work needs to be done by each federal custodian on the long-term management of asbestos in their federal buildings.

National Federal Custodian Engagement:

| # | Department or Agency | Joining DG Interdepartmental Working Group? | Purchasing PSPC services? | Internal resources dedicated to Asbestos Management | Building count, # (including crown-owned and leased, excluding residences) |
|------|---|---|---------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada | Yes | Yes | 1 | 1,605 |
| 2 | Correctional Service of Canada | Yes | Yes | 1 | 1,836 |
| 3 | Environment and Climate Change Canada | Yes | Yes | 1 | 375 |
| 4 | Fisheries and Oceans Canada | Yes | Yes | 1 | 2,001 |
| 5 | Global Affairs Canada* | Yes | No | 1 | - |
| 6 | Health Canada | Yes | Yes | 1 | 10 |
| 7 | Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada | Yes | No | 1 | 100 |
| 8 | Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada | Yes | No | 1 | 56 |
| 9 | Library and Archives of Canada | Yes | Unsure | 1 | 7 |
| 10 | National Defence | Yes | Unsure | 1 | 10,437 |
| 11 | Natural Resources Canada | Yes | No | 1 | 199 |
| 12 | Royal Canadian Mounted Police | Yes | Yes | 1 | 1,622 |
| 13 | Transport Canada | Yes | Yes | 2 | 759 |
| 14 | Veterans Affairs Canada | Yes | Yes | 1 | 10 |
| 15 | Communications Security Establishment | No | No | No | 1 |
| 16 | Canada Border Services Agency | Yes | Yes | 1 | 265 |
| 17 | Canadian Food Inspection Agency | Yes | Yes | 1 | 137 |
| 18 | Canadian Heritage | Yes | No | 0 | 1 |
| 18.1 | Canadian Conservation Institute | Same as above | Same as above | Same as above | - |
| 19 | Public Safety Canada (Special)** | Yes | No | 1 | 9 |
| 20 | Canadian Space Agency | No | No | None | 2 |
| 21 | National Battlefields Commission | Yes | No | 1 | 21 |
| 22 | National Research Council | Yes | No | 1 | 220 |
| 23 | Parks Canada Agency | No | Unsure | 2 | 2,962 |
| 24 | Public Health Agency of Canada | Yes | No | 0 | 3 |
| 25 | Infrastructure Canada | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 26 | Public Services and Procurement Canada | Yes | No | | 2,186 |
| | | | | Total (excl. residences) | 24,824 |

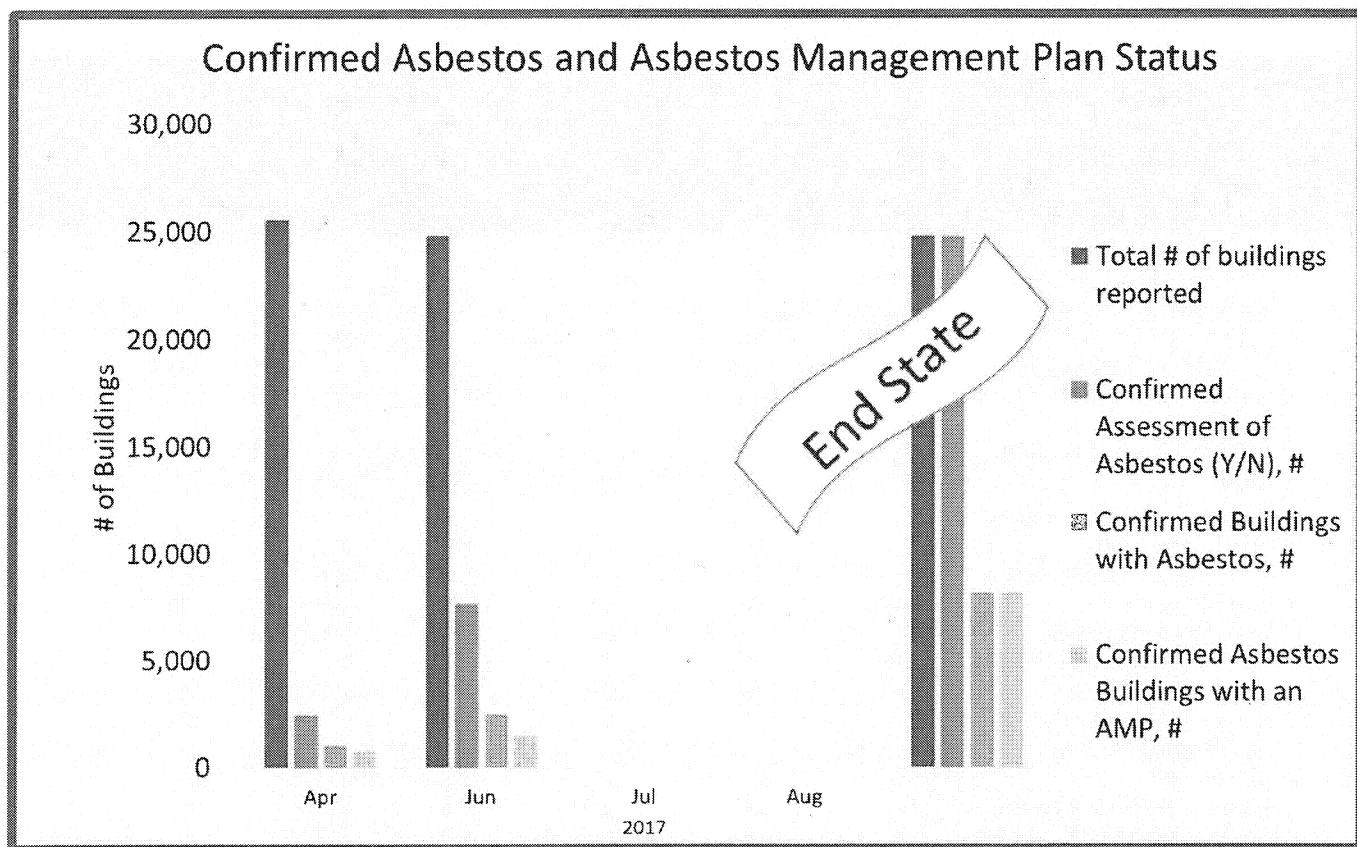
*All their buildings are outside Canada

**Former Canadian Security Intelligence Service

Notes:

- While this table does not provide comparative data between March 2017 and June 2017,
 - 9 custodians want to buy PSPC services which represents 38% of custodial departments
 - 4 custodians are unsure at this point if they will need PSPC asbestos related services, which represent 17%.
 - The 11 remaining custodians have so far shown no interest for PSPC's services, a total of 45%.
 - Comparatively, the total of custodians not interested in acquiring PSPC services in April, 2017 was 14 custodians which represented 54% of all custodians at that time.
- Global Affairs Canada has its portfolio of buildings outside Canada – previously, they had not anticipated that they would be able to contribute to this first phase of the inventory process, but have since been able to provide partial numbers. These are still to be excluded from the first inventory posting
- Management of Parks Canada Agency (PCA) has not authorized the sharing of their preliminary inventory with PSPC but only the total count of buildings.

Presence of Asbestos in the National Federal Portfolio:



Notes:

- This table indicates an overall positive trend that is moving toward the ultimate goal of *knowing whether every building has asbestos or not*
- Ultimately when the initiative is completed, the blue line of the total number of buildings reported should match the orange line of number of buildings with a confirmed assessment of asbestos
- Currently the progress of the above tracking is at 31 % of completion
- Also when the initiative is complete, *knowing that every building that contains asbestos has an Asbestos Management Plan* will be achieved when the grey line matches the yellow line
- It is not expected that, by September 2017, all the information on asbestos presence and asbestos management plans will be completed. However, the inventories will be made public by the custodians with the information collected (Yes, No, Unknown)

Progress by Federal Custodian Organization, June 2017

| # | Department or Agency | Total building count, # (excluding residences) | Buildings with asbestos, # | Buildings without asbestos, # | Buildings with status unknown | Buildings with Asbestos that have an Asbestos Management Plan, # | Buildings with Asbestos without an Asbestos Management Plan, # |
|----|---|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada | 1,605 | 0* | 0* | 0* | 0* | 0* |
| 2 | Correctional Service of Canada | 1,836 | 0* | 0* | 0* | 0* | 0* |
| | Environment and Climate Change | | | | | | |
| 3 | Canada | 375 | 24 | 17 | 2 | 22 | |
| 4 | Fisheries and Oceans Canada | 2,001 | 437 | 441 | 1,123 | 71 | 366 |
| 5 | Global Affairs Canada** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6 | Health Canada | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 |
| | Indigenous and Northern Affairs | | | | | | |
| 7 | Canada Innovation, Science and Economic Development | 100 | 29 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| 8 | Development Canada | 56 | 0* | 0* | 0* | 0* | 0* |
| 9 | Library and Archives of Canada | 7 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 10 | National Defence | 10,437 | 826 | 3,014 | 6,597 | 496 | 330 |
| 11 | Natural Resources Canada | 199 | 135 | 25 | 39 | 135 | 0 |
| 12 | Royal Canadian Mounted Police | 1,622 | 0* | 0* | 0* | 0* | 0* |
| 13 | Transport Canada | 759 | 38 | 0* | 0* | 26 | 12 |
| 14 | Veterans Affairs Canada | 10 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | Communications Security Establishment | | | | | | |
| 15 | Establishment | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | Canada Border Services Agency | 265 | 48 | 55 | 162 | 3 | 45 |
| 17 | Canadian Food Inspection Agency | 137 | 49 | 88 | 0 | 0 | 49 |
| 18 | Canadian Heritage | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 19 | Public Safety Canada (Special) | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | Canadian Space Agency | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21 | National Battlefields Commission | 21 | 9 | 0* | 0* | 9 | 0 |
| 22 | National Research Council | 220 | 0* | 0* | 0* | 0* | 0* |
| 23 | Parks Canada Agency | 2,962 | 179 | 0* | 0* | 42 | 137 |
| | Public Services and Procurement | | | | | | |
| 25 | Canada | 2,186 | 716 | 1,453 | 0 | 700 | 16 |
| | Total | 24,824 | 2,502 | 5,186 | 7,925 | 1,493 | 1,009 |

*Information presently not available to PSPC

**all their buildings are outside Canada

Note:

- This table was not provided in the April 2017 report, but is now included to provide visibility into the progress of individual custodians towards meeting their deadline. Future reports will include percentages of change for the information provided, but we have tracked this information until the current period of June 2017.

Other Information

Pan-Canadian Databases

- PSPC has engaged its Federal Provincial Territorial network of Public Works Deputies to introduce the possibility of other levels of governments developing inventories to mirror the federal ones. Initial reaction has been mixed, so PSPC will continue to champion this idea as opportunity presents itself.

Sub-Working Groups

- A sub-working group has met once to discuss small building, which includes things like small weather stations, seismic stations, geomagnetic observatories, antennas, but not the federal fleets of aircraft, watercraft or vehicles. The second teleconference will be held on July 27, 2017.
- The teleconferences for the upcoming two other sub-working groups (on residences and on properties outside Canada) will be organized in July 26, 2017.

Communications

- Each custodian will be responsible for communications related to their own inventories. PSPC is currently in discussion with TBS and PCO regarding broader extra-departmental messaging about the inventories and the federal asbestos ban.

Publication of Inventories

- Each custodian department is responsible to post their own respective inventories of buildings containing asbestos. PSPC is sharing all lessons learned and process on how their posting was done. There is a DG committee steering meeting scheduled for July 19, 2017 where this will be further discussed with all federal custodian participating at the meeting.

Next Steps

- By way of making sure there is high-level support for this initiative in all custodian organizations, it is understood that a communique will be sent by PCO to all Deputy Ministers reminding them of the approaching deadline.
- For the first posting date in September 2017, it is anticipated that all custodians will post their respective inventories within 48 hours of each other. It will be 25 inventories listing all buildings with information gathered to date, and where information is outstanding, a note will be made that additional information will follow, e.g. "work in progress".
- A summary report on this initiative will be provided by PSPC in December 2017.

Annex 3

ATTACHMENT - Custodial Buildings and Status

CSFB managed properties

| Site | Number of Occupants | Building | Construct on Year | Municipality | Province | Asbestos Survey | Survey Result (Asbestos Present) | AMP (if Asbestos present) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Non-ECCC Custodial Leased Sites | 5563 | VARIOUS - REPORTED BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS | Various | Various | Various | N/A | N/A | |
| CCIW | 682 | Administrative and Laboratory Building | 1971 | Burlington | Ontario | yes | yes | |
| | | Hydraulics Offices and Laboratory Building | 1971 | Burlington | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Heating and Power Plant | 1971 | Burlington | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Research and Development | 1971 | Burlington | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Workshop/Warehouse | 1971 | Burlington | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Wastewater Technology Centre | 1971 | Burlington | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | North Annex & WTC Storage Building | 1971 | Burlington | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Portable #4 | 1993 | Burlington | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| Dorval | 345 | Portable #1 | 1991 | Burlington | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Portable #2 | 1970 | Burlington | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| River Road | 237 | CMC | 1971 | Dorval | Quebec | Under Review | | |
| | | Thornton Centre - Building 1 | 1973 | Ottawa | Ontario | Under Review | yes | |
| | | Generator Building - Building 5 | 1994 | Ottawa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | East Wing (Shipping & Receiving) - Building 4 | 2000 | Ottawa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Thornton Centre (Addition 1993) | 1993 | Ottawa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Thornton Centre (Addition 1995) | 1995 | Ottawa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Thornton Centre (Addition 1989) | 1985 | Ottawa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | North Wing - Building 3 | 1996 | Ottawa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| NHRC | 161 | Transformer Vault - Building 6 | 1994 | Ottawa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | South Wing - Building 7 | 2002 | Ottawa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| NWRC* | 136 | National Hydrology Research Institute (NHRI) | 1986 | Saskatoon | Saskatchewan | Under Review | yes | yes |
| PESC | 68 | National Wildlife Research Center | 2002 | Ottawa | Ontario | N/A | | |
| PWRC | 64 | Pacific Environmental Science Centre | 1995 | North Vancouver | British Columbia | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| | | Lodge | 1930 | Delta | British Columbia | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| | | Barn #1 | 1930 | Delta | British Columbia | Yes | No | |
| | | Barn #2 | 1940 | Delta | British Columbia | Yes | No | |
| | | Office and lab addition | 1992 | Delta | British Columbia | Yes | No | |
| | | Annex | 1970 | Delta | British Columbia | Yes | No | |
| PNWRC | 46 | PNWRC | 1964 | Saskatoon | Saskatchewan | Under Review | yes | yes |
| | | WEB Storage Building | 2003 | Saskatoon | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Storage Building | 1990 | Saskatoon | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Workshop/Storage/Garage | 1968 | Saskatoon | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Storage Shed | 2005 | Saskatoon | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| Whitehorse | 39 | Yukon Weather Centre | 1995 | Marsh Lake | Yukon | Yes | No (abated) | |
| | | Combined Services Bldg. (Office/Storage) | 1985 | Whitehorse | Yukon | Yes | No (abated) | |
| King City | 14 | main building with radar tower | 1984 | King | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Auxiliary Power Building for Diesel Generator | 1984 | King | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| Kelowna* | 14 | Office Building | 1993 | King | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Mountain Weather Svcs Office | 1992 | North Okanagan E | British Columbia | N/A | | |
| LML | 12 | Lasher House | 1920 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Leisher Barn | 1920 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Office | 1993 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Workshop | 1970 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Staff Trailer Lasher | 1982 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Manager's House | 1992 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Visiting Tower | 1987 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Foxt Storage | 1988 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | EQUIPMENT STORAGE | 1983 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Quad Shed | 1990 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Seed Cleaning | 1997 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| CARE | 10 | Pole shed #1 | 1998 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Pole shed #2 | 1999 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Toilet Facilities | 1966 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | New Sewage System | 1960 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | New Office Trailer | 1982 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Information Kiosque | 1975 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | Pole Shed #3 | 2003 | Last Mountain Valley N | Saskatchewan | Under Review | | |
| | | upper site (main fab) | 1988 | Essa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Sampling bldg. 6m x12m | 1982 | Essa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Lower site | 2003 | Essa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| Eureka | 8 | Additions | 1990 | Essa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Washroom Addition | 1992 | Essa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Garage | 1988 | Essa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Clean Air Building | 1999 | Essa | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Food warehouse | 1974 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | Yes | | |
| | | Washroom area (of old operations complex) | 1974 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | Yes | | |
| | | Operations area (of old operations complex) | 1960 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | Yes | | |
| | | Staff barracks (of old operations complex) | 1963 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | Yes | | |
| | | Transient Barracks | 1953 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | Yes | | |
| | | Old water storage AKA Plumbing | 1953 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | Yes | | |
| Biosphere | 7 | Building 16 Bunkhouse | 1953 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | Yes | | |
| | | Carpenter Shop | 1953 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | Yes | | |
| | | Upper aft Building | 1955 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | Yes | | |
| | | Hydrogen building | 1963 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | Yes | | |
| | | Power House / Water Storage | 1972 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | Yes | | |
| | | New Maintenance Garage | 2002 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | Yes | | |
| | | Research Lab | 1991 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | Yes | | |
| | | Biosphere | 1995 | Saint-Lambert | Quebec | Under Review | | |
| | | AWOS Shelter | 1994 | Kirkmeot, Unorganized | Nunavut | | | |
| Cap-Tourmente | 5 | Interpretation Center | 1973 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Barn | 1970 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Workshop | 1976 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Grain Shed | 1970 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Lavoir-Forge | 1970 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | French House | 1750 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Fuel Storage | 1983 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Fire Shed | 1930 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Marsolot Cottage | 1970 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Annexe au Chalet Marsolot | 1970 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Friponne Cottage | 1970 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Storage shed for wastewater treatment materials | 1979 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Hanger matériel - aqueduc & système d'épuration | 1981 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |

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|-----------------|---|---|------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----|-----|
| | | Observation Tower | 1987 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Kiosk | 1990 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Sugar Shack | 1990 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Maison de la Petite Ferme | 1969 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Snowmobile Shed | 1971 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Septic System | 1981 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Roads, Access and Interpretation Center | 1973 | Saint-Joachim | Quebec | | | |
| | | Workshop | 1975 | Fort Smith | Northwest Territories | | | |
| Fort Smith | 5 | Warehouse | 1975 | Fort Smith | Northwest Territories | | | |
| | | Instrument Workshop | 1972 | Fort Smith | Northwest Territories | | | |
| | | Hydrogen Building | 1980 | Fort Smith | Northwest Territories | | | |
| | | Operations Building | 2001 | Fort Smith | Northwest Territories | | | |
| | | Operations Building | 1965 | Parkland County | Alberta | | | |
| Stony Plain | 5 | Hydrogen Building | 1965 | Parkland County | Alberta | | | |
| | | Training Trailer | 1998 | Parkland County | Alberta | | | |
| | | Hydrogen Building | 1962 | The Pas | Manitoba | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| The Pas | 5 | Operations Building | 1987 | The Pas | Manitoba | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| | | AWOS Shelter | 1995 | Keeyi | Manitoba | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| | | AWOS Shelter | 1972 | Churchill | Manitoba | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Churchill | 4 | Hydrogen Building | 1952 | Churchill | Manitoba | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| | | Operations Building | 1999 | Churchill | Manitoba | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| | | AWOS Shelter | 1994 | Inuvik | Northwest Territories | | | |
| Inuvik | 4 | Hydrogen Building | 1973 | Inuvik | Northwest Territories | | | |
| | | Operations Building | 2001 | Inuvik | Northwest Territories | | | |
| | | Office | 2016 | Norfolk County | Ontario | | | |
| Big Creek | 3 | Gravelly Bay Warden Cabin | 1978 | Norfolk County | Ontario | | | |
| | | Gravelly Bay Shed/workshop | 1970 | Norfolk County | Ontario | | | |
| | | Soule's Ridge Cabin | 1990 | Norfolk County | Ontario | | | |
| | | Soule's Ridge Storage | 1970 | Norfolk County | Ontario | | | |
| | | Boat House | 1981 | Norfolk County | Ontario | | | |
| | | Old Boat House | 1890 | Norfolk County | Ontario | | | |
| Resolute | 3 | Garage / Workshop | 1980 | Norfolk County | Ontario | | | |
| | | Old Workshop | 1890 | Norfolk County | Ontario | | | |
| | | Hazardous Materials Storage Building | 1992 | Norfolk County | Ontario | | | |
| Iqaluit AWOS | 3 | Operations Building | 1963 | Resolute | Nunavut | yes | | |
| | | Hydrogen Building | 1963 | Resolute | Nunavut | yes | | |
| | | Building 13 (Resolute Airport) | 1963 | Resolute | Nunavut | yes | | |
| | | Building 42 | 1963 | Resolute | Nunavut | yes | | |
| | | AWOS Shelter | 1972 | Iqaluit | Nunavut | yes | | |
| Alert | 2 | AWOS Shelter | 1988 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | | | |
| | | Baseline Lab | 1991 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | | | |
| | | Baseline Lab - Addition | 1993 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | | | |
| Baker Lake | 2 | Transmitter Bldg | 1993 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | | | |
| | | Special Studies Lab | 1993 | Baffin, Unorganized | Nunavut | | | |
| | | Employee Housing | 1973 | Keewatin, Unorganized | Nunavut | yes | | |
| Coral Harbour | 2 | Warehouse/Office | 1973 | Keewatin, Unorganized | Nunavut | yes | | |
| | | Cold Storage Warehouse | 1973 | Keewatin, Unorganized | Nunavut | yes | | |
| | | Inflation Shed | 1972 | Coral Harbour | Nunavut | | | |
| Fort Simpson | 2 | WSC Office | 2003 | Region 4, Unorganized | Northwest Territories | | | |
| | | Garage | 1972 | Region 4, Unorganized | Northwest Territories | | | |
| Goose Bay | 2 | Hydrogen Building | 1969 | Happy Valley-Goose Bay | Newfoundland and Labrador | | | |
| | | Operations Building | 1969 | Happy Valley-Goose Bay | Newfoundland and Labrador | | | |
| Norman Wells | 2 | Operations Building | 1981 | Norman Wells | Northwest Territories | | | |
| | | Hydrogen Building | 1981 | Norman Wells | Northwest Territories | | | |
| St. Clair | 2 | Main Lodge | 1940 | Chatham-Kent | Ontario | | | |
| | | Staff house | 1950 | Chatham-Kent | Ontario | | | |
| | | Stroll cabin | 1950 | Chatham-Kent | Ontario | | | |
| | | New office / Workshop | 1995 | Chatham-Kent | Ontario | | | |
| | | Garage | 1985 | Chatham-Kent | Ontario | | | |
| | | Old Workshop | 1940 | Chatham-Kent | Ontario | | | |
| Stephenville | 2 | Operations Building | 1969 | Stephenville | Newfoundland and Labrador | | | |
| | | Hydrogen Building | 1969 | Stephenville | Newfoundland and Labrador | | | |
| | | Storage building | 1981 | Stephenville | Newfoundland and Labrador | | | |
| Baie-James | 1 | Theodolite | 1967 | Baie-James | Quebec | | | |
| | | Garage | 1986 | Baie-James | Quebec | | | |
| | | Hydrogen Building | 1986 | Baie-James | Quebec | | | |
| | | Generator Building | 1986 | Baie-James | Quebec | | | |
| | | Operations Building | 1986 | Baie-James | Quebec | | | |
| | | Residential #1 | 1993 | Baie-James | Quebec | | | |
| Chapais | 1 | Residential #2 | 1986 | Baie-James | Quebec | | | |
| | | BUT Building | 1992 | Baie-James | Quebec | | | |
| Exeter | 1 | Exeter Radar Building | 1977 | South Huron | Ontario | Under Review | | |
| | | Interpretation Kiosk | 1966 | Dundee | Quebec | | | |
| Lac St-François | 1 | Tent | 1956 | Dundee | Quebec | | | |
| | | Observation Tower | 1994 | Dundee | Quebec | | | |
| 1 | 1 | UAS | 1993 | Moosonee | Ontario | | | |
| | | Hydrogen Building | 1988 | Kuujjuaq | Quebec | | | |
| 0 | 0 | House (Meteor Residence) | 1962 | Athabasca County | Alberta | | | |
| | | House (Caretaker Residence) | 1953 | Athabasca County | Alberta | | | |
| 0 | 0 | House (Magnetic Residence) | 1952 | Athabasca County | Alberta | | | |
| | | Garage | 1954 | Athabasca County | Alberta | | | |
| 0 | 0 | Garage | 1959 | Athabasca County | Alberta | | | |
| | | Workshop | 1957 | Athabasca County | Alberta | | | |
| 0 | 0 | Fire shed | 1957 | Athabasca County | Alberta | | | |
| | | Admin Building | 1957 | Athabasca County | Alberta | | | |
| 0 | 0 | Power Shed | 1948 | Athabasca County | Alberta | | | |
| | | AWOS Shelter | 1994 | Edmonton | Alberta | | | |
| 0 | 0 | AWOS Shelter | 1993 | Leithbridge County | Alberta | | | |
| | | Radar Operations Building | 1983 | Parkland County | Alberta | | | |
| 0 | 0 | Radar Garage | 1984 | Parkland County | Alberta | | | |
| | | Transmitter Site | 1980 | Parkland County | Alberta | | | |
| 0 | 0 | AWOS Shelter | 1997 | Pincher Creek No. 9 | Alberta | | | |
| | | Equipment Shelter | 1996 | Saddle Hills County | Alberta | | | |
| 0 | 0 | APU Shelter | 1996 | Saddle Hills County | Alberta | | | |
| | | AWOS Shelter | 1993 | Wood Buffalo | Alberta | | | |
| 0 | 0 | AWOS Shelter | 1995 | Wood Buffalo | Alberta | | | |
| | | Weather Station Office | 1988 | Alberni-Cleophas D | British Columbia | | | |
| 0 | 0 | Automatic Weather Station | 1991 | Bulkley-Nechako B | British Columbia | | | |
| | | Monitoring Station | 1985 | Capital G | British Columbia | | | |
| 0 | 0 | Officers and Lecture rooms Building #56 | 1944 | Chilliwack | British Columbia | | | |
| | | Operations building | 1991 | Lytton | British Columbia | | | |
| 0 | 0 | Building | 1991 | Lytton | British Columbia | | | |

Annex 4

UPDATE: Asbestos in federal buildings

At Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), we take the health and safety of our employees, building occupants and visitors very seriously. This includes monitoring whether our buildings contain asbestos, and ensuring we have asbestos management plans in place where asbestos is present.

All buildings containing asbestos are inspected, and asbestos management plans will be developed where asbestos is present. Copies of annual inspection reports, as well as asbestos management plans, will be available.

On September 23, 2016, Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) published a National Asbestos Inventory that lists buildings it owns and leases, and identifies those that contain asbestos. There are some ECCC workplaces on the list. The following PSPC-owned or leased buildings, which ECCC occupies, have been identified as containing asbestos:

- Northern Forestry Centre (Edmonton, AB)
- Harry Hays Building (Calgary, AB)
- Government of Canada Building, 3690 Massey Drive (Prince George, BC)
- Via Rail Station (Winnipeg, MB)
- Airport Place (Winnipeg, MB)
- Gander International Airport (Gander, NL)
- Government of Canada Building, 1 Main Road (Burgeo, NL)
- Government of Canada Building, 6 Bruce Street (Mount Pearl, NL)
- Fortis Towers (Corner Brook, NL)
- Government of Canada Building (Warehouse 4), 72B Franklin Rd (Inuvik, NT)
- Queen Street Building (Sault Ste. Marie, ON)
- Government of Canada Building, 441 University Ave (Windsor, ON)
- La Salle Academy (Ottawa, ON)
- Downsview (Toronto, ON)
- Dominique Ducharme Building (Montréal, QC)
- Place Bonaventure (Montréal, QC)

Further to the PSPC inventory released on September 23, other federal departments that own or lease buildings – including ECCC – will publish their own inventories within the next 12 months. We are aware that the following ECCC-owned buildings have been identified as containing asbestos:

- National Hydrology Research Centre (Saskatoon, SK)
- Prairie and Northern Wildlife Research Centre (Saskatoon, SK)
- Canada Centre for Inland Waters (Burlington, ON)
- River Road Complex (Ottawa, ON)
- Pacific Wildlife Research Centre (Delta, BC)
- Whitehorse Complex (Whitehorse, YK)

We continue to work with PSPC, which diligently manages the risks associated with asbestos in its buildings, in strict accordance with legislative requirements for health and safety. More information about how asbestos is handled in government-owned buildings is available on the [Public Services and Procurement Canada website](#).

Your health and safety is our priority, and we want to reassure you that our buildings are safe for occupancy. More information will be made available through [your local Facilities Services](#).

More information about asbestos is available on [Canada.ca, in the Healthy living section](#).

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Deputy Minister

Stephen Lucas
Senior Associate Deputy Minister (Climate Change)

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Date: September 21, 2016

MEDIA LINES

SUBJECT: Asbestos in Public Services and Procurement Canada-Owned and Leased Buildings

ISSUE:

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) will publicly post on its website a list of PSPC-owned and leased buildings that contain asbestos on September 23, 2016.

KEY MESSAGES:

- The Government takes the health and safety of its building occupants and visitors very seriously.
- In the interest of transparency and openness of government operations, the Department is delivering on its April 19, 2016, promise to publish an inventory of its owned and leased buildings that contain asbestos.
- PSPC manages and controls the risks associated with asbestos present in its owned and leased buildings. Rest assured that our leased and owned buildings are safe for occupancy.
- PSPC strictly meets all legislative requirements for health and safety, and robust asbestos management plans are in place in its buildings to ensure that occupants are not exposed to asbestos in their workplace.
- For leased properties, as part of the lease agreement, the landlord is required to meet the applicable regulations for asbestos.
- As of April 1, 2016, PSPC determined that it would use materials other than asbestos for new construction and major renovation projects for buildings in its portfolio.

For inquiries on the inventory's content:

- Only properties owned or leased by PSPC are listed in the inventory. PSPC is only one of many federal government departments responsible for the administration of real property. Inquiries about properties owned or managed by other government departments should be addressed to the respective departments.
- The National Asbestos Inventory lists all buildings owned or leased by PSPC, identifies the name and address of the buildings, and indicates whether or not they contain asbestos.

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- All buildings owned or leased by PSPC that contain asbestos are required to have an asbestos management plan. If asbestos has recently been discovered, an asbestos management plan may not yet be in place. PSPC is working diligently with landlords to ensure that asbestos management plans are developed for the few leased buildings that do not yet have them. This work should be completed within the coming months.
- PSPC's National Asbestos Inventory will be updated and released twice yearly.

For inquiries on health and safety:

- Occupational health and safety is governed by Part II of the *Canada Labour Code* and the *Canada Occupational Health and Safety Regulations*, which apply to employees who work under federal jurisdiction. Employers are responsible for adhering to the Code and the Regulations, as well as for developing their own health and safety program (e.g. PSPC's Human Resources Branch is responsible for the Department's health and safety program).

For inquiries on the publication of inventories by other custodial government departments:

- In the interest of transparency and openness, other government departments that own or lease buildings will publish their own inventories within the next 12 months.
- PSPC will leverage its experience to guide custodial departments and agencies in developing their own inventories.
- A task group with major custodians is being established and will be in place by mid-October 2016.

For inquiries on a potential government-wide ban:

- The health and safety of Canadians is a priority for the Government of Canada, and we are committed to moving forward with a ban on asbestos in Canada and will be coming forward with an updated government strategy in the coming months. For more information, please contact Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada.

Inquiries related to the "national asbestos strategy" should be redirected to Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada.

Inquiries related to health concerns should be redirected to Health Canada.

Inquiries related to occupational health safety concerns should be redirected to Treasury Board Secretariat (employer) and Employment and Social Development Canada (labour).

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Annex 6

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Document prepared by Public Services and Procurement Canada

Q.1 What is asbestos?

Before the mid-1980s, asbestos was widely used because of its useful properties of strength, flexibility and resistance to both heat and chemical corrosion. Asbestos-containing materials, or ACMs, were commonly used in the construction of houses, schools, hospitals, residential apartment complexes, libraries, office towers, etc.

For detailed information on asbestos, please visit the [Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety](http://www.ccohs.ca) website.

Q.2 Are all Public Services and Procurement Canada-owned buildings containing asbestos-containing materials identified and monitored accordingly?

Yes, all Public Services and Procurement Canada-owned buildings that have asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) are identified and monitored in accordance with federal regulations, as referenced below. Building owners must identify ACMs in their buildings, conduct annual reassessments of the condition of ACMs, and either repair, encapsulate or remove any ACMs that are not in good condition.

Corrective work is conducted by specialized technicians who put a number of safeguards in place to protect the continued health and safety of building occupants, as well as their own.

All PSPC-owned buildings have an asbestos management plan in place. This plan serves to provide details of the location and condition of the asbestos in the building. Managing asbestos is a requirement in the Canada Labour Code, Part II, in the Canada Occupational Health and Safety Regulations. Also, the National Joint Council's Occupational Health and Safety Directive, Part XI – Hazardous Substances, states that the employer must comply with applicable federal, provincial, territorial and municipal regulations.

Q.3 My building contains asbestos. Am I at risk?

Please rest assured that PSPC's leased and owned buildings are safe for occupancy. PSPC manages and controls the risks associated with asbestos present in its owned and leased buildings.

In accordance with federal and provincial regulations, building owners or employers must identify **known** ACMs in their building and have an asbestos management plan in place if asbestos is found or identified. This plan serves to provide details of the location and condition of the asbestos in the building. Building owners must conduct reassessments of the condition of ACMs, and either repair, encapsulate or remove any ACMs that are not in good condition.

This also applies to Public Services and Procurement Canada-leased spaces. Building owners have to comply with Canada Labour Code requirements related to asbestos management.

Employees should contact their employer or their departmental occupational health and safety committee regarding any health and safety concerns.

Q.4 If my office building doesn't appear on the list published by Public Services and Procurement Canada, who do I contact to obtain information about asbestos in my building?

In the interest of transparency and openness of government operations, the Department is delivering on its promise to publish its inventory of owned and leased buildings which identifies those that contain asbestos.

Only properties owned or leased by Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) are listed in the inventory. PSPC is only one of many federal government departments responsible for the administration of real property. PSPC is responsible for the administration of approximately 27% of the federal real property portfolio (in square metres).

Other government custodial departments will be developing and publishing their own lists within the next 12 months.

Q.5 I noticed that some leased buildings are listed with missing information on asbestos. Why is that?

The note "Information Missing" is indicated if the landlord of that building did not provide the requested information before the time of publication. The National Asbestos Inventory will be updated twice yearly.

Q.6 How is asbestos managed/monitored in leased buildings?

Because the health and safety of employees is our priority, Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) leases space from owners who meet the legislative requirements as set out by the applicable acts and regulations.

All buildings owned or leased by PSPC that contain asbestos are required to have an asbestos management plan. If asbestos has recently been discovered, an asbestos management plan may not yet be in place. PSPC is working diligently with landlords to ensure that asbestos management plans are developed for the few leased buildings that do not yet have them. This work should be completed within the coming months.

Q.7 How often will Public Services and Procurement Canada update the published inventory?

In the interest of transparency and openness of government operations, PSPC's National Asbestos Inventory will be updated and released twice yearly.

Q.8 Do we know where asbestos is located within the building(s)?

Yes. The location of asbestos within the building(s) is detailed in the asbestos management plan, and is validated by the Annual Reassessment of Asbestos-Containing Materials report.

Q.9 Are the Asbestos Inventory Assessment and the Annual Reassessment of Asbestos-Containing Materials reports available to employees?

Yes, they are shared with the employer of the space, who then shares it with all members of the health and safety committees, which includes both employer and

employee representatives. Employees interested in seeing the report can contact their departmental occupational health and safety committee.

Q.10 Are buildings inspected before they are renovated to ensure the safety of employees?

Yes. In addition to the ongoing monitoring and management of asbestos-containing materials, or ACMs, more specific surveys of hazardous products are required and conducted before any construction or renovation project to identify all designated substances, including but not limited to ACMs, in the area proposed for renovation.

Workers follow specific protocols, and areas where this type of work is conducted are sealed off and contained. Any ACMs found are treated by qualified technicians in accordance with the applicable regulations throughout the project to ensure the continued safety of building occupants and technicians.

Any questions pertaining to health risks related to asbestos must be redirected to Health Canada.

More information on asbestos can also be found in the Asbestos Information Sheet on the National Occupational Health and Safety website.

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The templates are available on ECollab at: [Templates](#).

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Due in DBU: CSFB LEAD – AUGUST 14

EPB INPUT – AUGUST 9

COMMS – FYI/ACTION

CCM #: DM 219175

REQUEST:

As per the below, please prepare an MTDM with an update on the Department's efforts to publish an inventory of owned and leased buildings containing asbestos, including ongoing efforts with PSPC. *The memo should include an email response from the DM to Catrina Tapley confirming the Department's commitment to publish the national inventory in September. Please liaise with Communications as required to ensure that the communications strategy is in place in time for publication of the inventory.

As you may recall, on September 23, 2016, Custodian Deputy Ministers were directed to publish asbestos-related building inventories of their portfolios within a year. Over the course of the last year, Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) has been working with custodial departments and agencies within the federal family on the national inventory of owned and leased buildings which identifies the name and address of the buildings and indicates whether or not they contain asbestos. I would like to thank you for your continued efforts on this front, and PSPC in particular for continuing to lead this work.

Today, I am writing to call your attention to the September 2017 deadline that is fast approaching and to seek reaffirmation of your commitment as custodial Departments and Agencies to publish your individual national inventory of owned and leased buildings that contain asbestos on your website, in a format that meets the standards of GoC web accessibility, by the end of September.

In the continued interest of transparency and openness on government operations and to ensure consistency between all Departments and Agencies, these national inventories should include the following information:

- Building name and address;
- Presence of asbestos (yes/no); and
- Existence of an asbestos management plan (yes/no).

To this end, PSPC's inventory provides a useful template from which to work, and I would encourage you to continue to support PSPC in ensuring that the government meets its commitment to publishing the national asbestos inventory. I expect that PSPC will continue to leverage its experience and technical expertise to guide custodial Departments and Agencies in developing their own inventories through the Task Group that has been convened. Please note that I will be asking PSPC for regular reporting on progress towards the end of September deadline.

Lastly given that the reported information is likely to draw interest from the public, media, and employees I would encourage you to ensure that you have both internal and external communications prepared for when your inventory is released. PSPC Communications can share their experience and lessons learned, should you wish.

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Ms. Tapley,

Thank you for reminding us of the commitment to have all federal custodian departments publish their inventory informing on the presence of asbestos in owned and leased buildings.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has been actively working with Public Services and Procurement Canada to survey the buildings under its custody. By the time ECCC publishes its first inventory, it is expected that 99% of people working for ECCC will be occupying surveyed buildings and that an Asbestos Management Plan will be in place for 100% of the buildings where asbestos has been identified. Surveying of small buildings and non-occupied buildings will continue and be completed in 2018-19.

ECCC will be in a position to publish the department's inventory on Canada.ca by the prescribed deadline. After the initial publication, the inventory will be updated regularly as additional buildings are surveyed and information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Tapley:

Thank you for email message of August 2, 2017, providing Environment and Climate Change Canada with a reminder of its commitment as a federal custodian department to publish its individual inventory on the presence of asbestos in owned and leased buildings.

Environment and Climate Change Canada has been actively working with Public Services and Procurement Canada to survey the buildings under its custody. By the time the Department publishes its first inventory, it is expected that 99 percent of people working for Environment and Climate Change Canada will be occupying surveyed buildings and an asbestos management plan will be in place for all buildings where this substance has been identified. The surveying of small buildings and non-occupied buildings will continue and be completed in 2018–2019.

The Department will be in a position to publish its inventory on Canada.ca by the prescribed deadline. After the initial publication, the inventory will be updated regularly as additional buildings are surveyed and information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Stephen Lucas, Ph.D.

c.c.: Dr. Martine Dubuc, Associate Deputy Minister



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i.c.c.: **Mr. Mike Beale, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental
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